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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
2008–2009 School Year Reports

Dear School Board Members and School Personnel:

The Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) is the State's measure of student progress in achieving the State accountability standards of Maine's *Learning Results*. The *Learning Results* contain goals for what all students should know and be able to do at certain times in their school careers and include the accountability standards that are assessed for each grade. The MEA is administered to students in all grades 3 through 8 to meet state assessment requirements and the requirements of the federal *No Child Left Behind* Act.

The 2008-2009 MEA Summary Reports contain the results of student achievement in reading and mathematics at all grades and science at grades 5 and 8 and disaggregated by student and school characteristics. This report, together with MEA individual student and subject-specific class analysis reports, provides support for use in program evaluation and planning.

MEA results reflect scores based on test questions that are taken in common by the approximately 15,000 students in each grade level. Students' scores in each content area are based on answers to a combination of multiple-choice questions and questions that require students to construct an answer. More information about the MEA is available at www.maine.gov/education/mea/index.htm.

I look forward to working with you in support of our continued efforts to improve the quality and effectiveness of the instructional opportunities designed to help all students achieve the high standards of the *Learning Results* and demonstrate that achievement through performance on the assessments.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Gendron
Commissioner of Education



School Report Grade 8

Test Date: March 2009
Code: 13951098
SAU: Thornton Academy
School: Thornton Academy

Contents of the Report

The report is divided into two main sections including a section describing the students tested and a separate section for the results in each content area.

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SUMMARY OF SCORES

Test Date: March 2009

Grade: 8

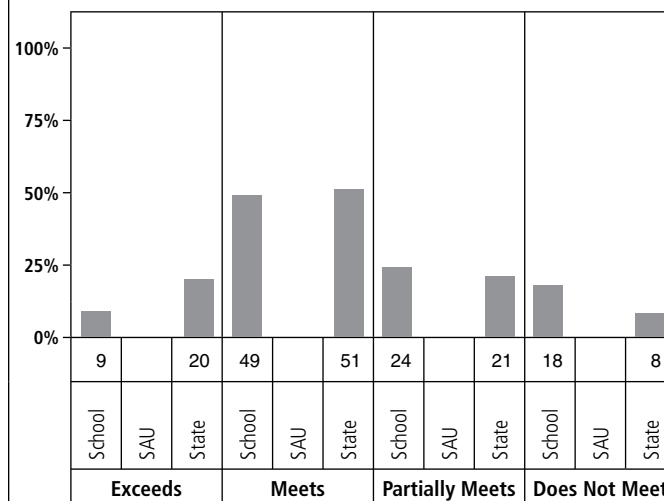
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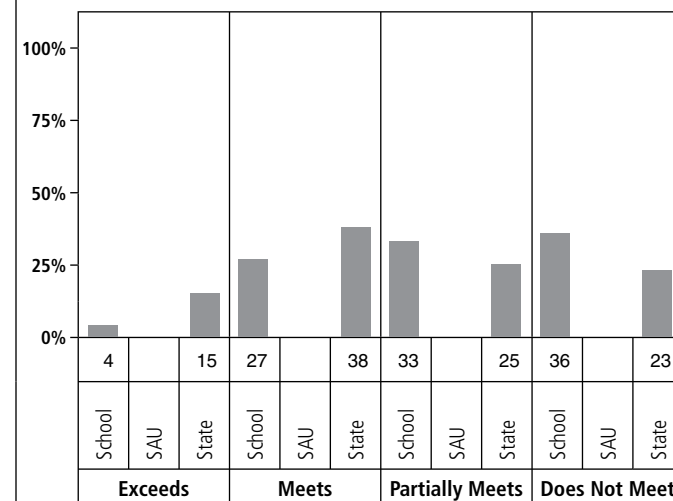
Summary of School, SAU, and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	SAU	State
ELA – Reading 2006–2007 2007–2008 2008–2009 Cum. Avg.*	846 845 842 844		847 849 850 849
Mathematics 2006–2007 2007–2008 2008–2009 Cum. Avg.*	838 835 833 835		842 841 843 842
Science 2008–2009 **	838		846

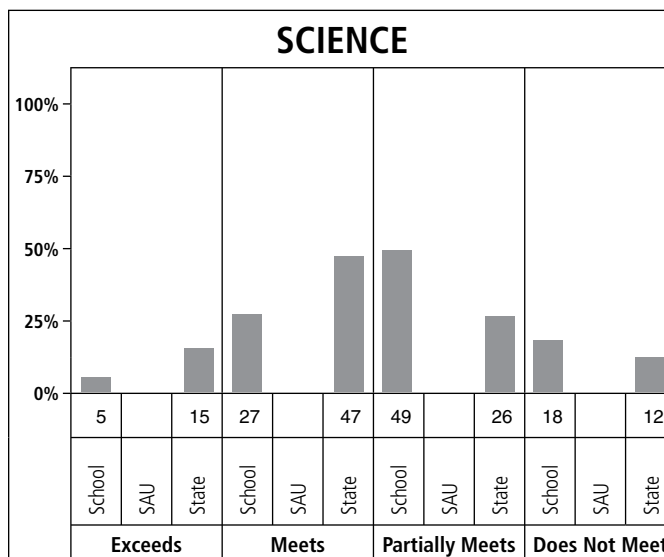
ELA – READING



MATHEMATICS



SCIENCE



*Cumulative averages are weighted, i.e., the scaled scores are averaged proportionally based on the numbers of students in each year.

** Because science standards were reset in May 2009, no historical data are available

SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 8
SAU: Thornton Academy
School: Thornton Academy

CATEGORY OF PARTICIPATION	Enrollment ¹ during testing window						CONTENT AREA PARTICIPATION ²																	
							ELA-Reading						Mathematics						Science					
	School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Total number of students	56	100			14804	100	55	98			14659	99	55	98			14653	99	55	98			14626	99
Ethnicity African American/Black	0	0			377	3	0	0			366	97	0	0			371	98	0	0			367	97
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0	0			119	1	0	0			117	99	0	0			115	97	0	0			116	98
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0			238	2	0	0			232	97	0	0			234	98	0	0			234	98
Hispanic	0	0			192	1	0	0			188	98	0	0			191	100	0	0			190	99
Caucasian/White	56	100			13878	94	55	98			13756	99	55	98			13742	99	55	98			13719	99
Not Reported	0	0			0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0			0	0
Identified disability	7	13			2489	17	7	100			2434	99	7	100			2424	98	7	100			2418	98
Current LEP	0	0			349	2	0	0			331	95	0	0			342	98	0	0			338	97
Economically disadvantaged	0	0			5460	37	0	0			5380	99	0	0			5377	99	0	0			5359	98
Migrant	0	0			6	0	0	0			6	100	0	0			6	100	0	0			6	100

MODE OF PARTICIPATION ³	ELA-Reading						Mathematics						Science					
	School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Participation without accommodations	48	86			12132	82	49	88			12124	82	48	86			12169	82
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0			379	3	1	2			380	3	0	0			425	3
LEP	0	0			166	1	0	0			169	1	0	0			168	1
504 plan	0	0			200	2	0	0			200	2	0	0			202	2
Participation with accommodations	7	13			2349	16	6	11			2347	16	7	13			2288	15
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	7	100			1877	80	6	100			1862	79	7	100			1824	80
LEP	0	0			158	7	0	0			167	7	0	0			165	7
504 plan	0	0			70	3	0	0			70	3	0	0			66	3
Other	0	0			292	12	0	0			297	13	0	0			280	12
Participation through alternate assessment (PAAP)	0	0			178	1	0	0			182	1	0	0			169	1
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0			178	100	0	0			182	100	0	0			169	100
LEP	0	0			7	4	0	0			6	3	0	0			5	3
504 plan	0	0			0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0			0	0
Approved non-participation in reading – 1st year LEP	0	0			0	0												
Approved non-participation – special consideration	0	0			32	0	0	0			34	0	0	0			38	0
Non-participation – other	1	2			113	1	1	2			117	1	1	2			140	1

¹Percents are the percentage of students enrolled in each participation category.

²Percents are the percentage of students, including those who participated through alternate assessment (PAAP), who participated in the content area.

³Percents are the percentage of students in each content area by mode.

ELA–READING RESULTS

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 8
SAU: Thornton Academy
School: Thornton Academy

ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS		STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		SAU		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates the ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level by drawing in-depth inferences, analyzing texts for subtle clues, synthesizing information across texts, and using his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to make deeper connections within or across texts to increase comprehension. (Scaled Score 862–880)	2006-2007	4	12			2407	16
	2007-2008	6	11			3428	23
	2008-2009	5	9			2857	20
	Cum. Total*	15	10			8692	19
Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates the ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level by drawing inferences, summarizing main ideas and providing supporting details, connecting ideas within and across texts, and using his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to increase comprehension. (Scaled Score 842–860)	2006-2007	20	61			7494	49
	2007-2008	30	54			7179	48
	2008-2009	27	49			7431	51
	Cum. Total*	77	53			22104	49
Partially Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates an inconsistent ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level. The student’s ability to draw inferences, summarize main ideas and provide supporting details, connect ideas within and across texts, and use his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices varies depending on the texts. (Scaled Score 830–840)	2006-2007	6	18			3628	24
	2007-2008	13	23			2706	18
	2008-2009	13	24			2979	21
	Cum. Total*	32	22			9313	21
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates a limited ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level. The student’s responses are often vague or incorrect leaving the impression that the student found it difficult to draw inferences, summarize main ideas and provide supporting details, connect ideas within and across texts, or use his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to support comprehension. (Scaled Score 800–828)	2006-2007	3	9			1810	12
	2007-2008	7	13			1611	11
	2008-2009	10	18			1214	8
	Cum. Total*	20	14			4635	10

Learning Results Content Standards	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Reading Total Points	56	100	30.9	55.2			35.5	63.4
A1/A2 Interconnected Elements/Literary Text	20	36	10.4	52.0			12.3	61.5
A1/A3/4 Interconnected Elements/Informational Text/Persuasive Text	36	64	20.5	56.9			23.2	64.4

The MEA measures student achievement of the interconnected elements of the reading process based on questions related to literary and informational/persuasive reading passages. Reading passages include both long and short texts, selected from developmentally appropriate works. MEA reading items measure the English Language Arts accountability content standard A, Reading, contained in Maine’s 2007 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction*, which can be found at:
<http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/index.html>.

ELA-READING RESULTS

(CONTINUED)

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REPORTING CATEGORIES	School										SAU						State					
	Tested	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	55	5	9	27	49	13	24	10	18	842							14481	20	51	21	8	850
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	0																362	8	43	29	20	843
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0																116	10	46	26	18	843
Asian or Pacific Islander	0																231	28	43	19	10	851
Hispanic	0																186	17	48	23	12	847
Caucasian/White	55	5	9	27	49	13	24	10	18	842							13586	20	52	20	8	850
Not Reported	0																0					
Identified disability																						
Yes	7	0	0	0	0	2	29	5	71	821							2256	2	25	40	34	834
No	48	5	10	27	56	11	23	5	10	846							12225	23	56	17	4	853
Current LEP																						
Yes	0																324	5	34	36	26	838
No	55	5	9	27	49	13	24	10	18	842							14157	20	52	20	8	850
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	0																5277	10	46	29	15	844
No	55	5	9	27	49	13	24	10	18	842							9204	26	54	16	5	853
Migrant																						
Yes	0																5	0	40	60	0	841
No	55	5	9	27	49	13	24	10	18	842							14476	20	51	21	8	850
Gender																						
Female	28	0	0	16	57	8	29	4	14	841							7074	25	51	18	6	852
Male	27	5	19	11	41	5	19	6	22	844							7407	14	51	23	11	847
Not Reported	0																0					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	0																857	9	43	35	14	843
No	55	5	9	27	49	13	24	10	18	842							13624	20	52	20	8	850
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0																700	69	30	1	0	867
No	55	5	9	27	49	13	24	10	18	842							13781	17	52	22	9	849

E = Exceeds the Standards M = Meets the Standards P = Partially Meets the Standards D = Does Not Meet the Standards

NOTE: Some achievement level results have been left blank because fewer than five (5) students were tested. N = Number

ELA-READING RESULTS

(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

Test Date: March 2009

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QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	School										SAU						State					
	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	
How much homework do you do on school nights?																						
A. none	4	1	50	0	0	1	50	0	0	854							8	8	39	29	24	841
B. less than one hour	62	2	6	19	58	5	15	7	21	842							51	17	53	22	8	849
C. one to two hours	34	1	6	7	39	7	39	3	17	840							36	24	52	18	5	852
D. more than two hours	0																5	29	45	18	9	852
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading?																						
A. very good	36	4	21	7	37	6	32	2	11	845							31	35	50	11	4	856
B. good	42	0	0	13	59	6	27	3	14	844							47	16	55	21	7	849
C. fair	19	0	0	5	50	0	0	5	50	830							18	5	47	33	15	842
D. poor	4	0	0	1	50	1	50	0	0	843							3	2	39	37	22	839
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about reading?																						
A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in reading class.	34	2	11	8	44	5	28	3	17	842							32	27	54	14	5	853
B. They match some of what I have learned.	36	2	11	9	47	4	21	4	21	841							52	18	53	22	8	850
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	23	0	0	7	58	3	25	2	17	844							12	11	45	29	15	844
D. There is no match.	8	0	0	2	50	1	25	1	25	837							4	6	34	33	26	838
How difficult was the reading part of this test?																						
A. more difficult than my regular schoolwork	8	0	0	2	50	1	25	1	25	836							15	13	42	28	17	844
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	66	2	6	16	48	6	18	9	27	840							64	19	53	20	7	850
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	26	2	15	7	54	4	31	0	0	849							22	25	52	16	6	852
How difficult were the reading passages on this test?																						
A. Most of the passages were more difficult than what I normally read.	21	0	0	4	36	4	36	3	27	834							8	6	34	34	26	838
B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read.	49	1	4	14	54	6	23	5	19	841							52	14	54	24	8	848
C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read.	30	3	19	8	50	3	19	2	13	848							40	30	53	13	4	855
How hard did you try on the reading part of this test?																						
A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork.	25	1	8	6	46	4	31	2	15	841							39	19	50	22	9	849
B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork.	62	3	9	19	58	5	15	6	18	844							54	21	53	19	7	851
C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.	13	0	0	1	14	4	57	2	29	832							7	12	46	27	15	845
How much time do you spend reading at home each day?																						
A. more than one hour	26	1	7	7	50	5	36	1	7	844							19	26	53	15	6	853
B. 20 minutes to an hour	38	2	10	10	50	5	25	3	15	846							40	25	52	17	6	852
C. less than 20 minutes	19	1	10	4	40	2	20	3	30	835							15	18	51	21	10	849
D. I rarely read at home.	17	0	0	5	56	1	11	3	33	837							26	7	50	30	13	844
How do you feel about the following statement?																						
"My knowledge of reading will be useful to me as an adult."																						
A. strongly agree	51	3	11	15	56	6	22	3	11	846							42	27	51	15	6	853
B. agree	43	1	4	11	48	6	26	5	22	840							50	15	53	23	9	848
C. disagree	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	100	813							7	8	46	32	14	843
D. strongly disagree	2	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	836							2	6	39	35	21	840
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	17	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	846												
B.	33	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	853												
C.	0																					
D.	50	0	0	0	0	3	100	0	0	838												

MATHEMATICS RESULTS

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ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS		STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		SAU		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates in-depth understanding of essential concepts in mathematics, including the ability to make multiple connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate the ability to synthesize information; analyze and solve difficult problems, including developing and implementing strategies, efficiently and accurately performing procedures, and recording and justifying solutions; and explain complex concepts. (Scaled Score 862–880)	2006-2007	1	3			1952	13
	2007-2008	2	4			1657	11
	2008-2009	2	4			2116	15
	Cum. Total*	5	3			5725	13
Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates a general understanding of essential concepts in mathematics, including the ability to make connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate the ability to analyze and solve problems including developing and implementing strategies, to perform procedures, and to record and explain solutions and concepts. The student’s work may contain minor errors. (Scaled Score 842–860)	2006-2007	10	30			5870	38
	2007-2008	19	34			5956	40
	2008-2009	15	27			5443	38
	Cum. Total*	44	31			17269	39
Partially Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates incomplete understanding of essential concepts in mathematics and inconsistent connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate some ability to analyze and solve problems, and explain concepts. Problem solving strategies may be flawed, procedures performed inaccurately, methods not recorded and/or problems not completed. (Scaled Score 830–840)	2006-2007	15	45			3982	26
	2007-2008	15	27			3729	25
	2008-2009	18	33			3556	25
	Cum. Total*	48	33			11267	25
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates limited understanding of essential concepts in mathematics and infrequent or inaccurate connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate minimal ability to solve problems and explain concepts. Problem solving strategies and procedures are often flawed or inappropriate and there may be many omissions. (Scaled Score 800–828)	2006-2007	7	21			3534	23
	2007-2008	20	36			3579	24
	2008-2009	20	36			3356	23
	Cum. Total*	47	33			10469	23

Learning Results Content Standards	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Mathematics Total Points	56	100	22.7	40.5			28.6	51.1
A. Number	8	14	2.7	33.8			3.7	46.3
B. Data	16	29	7.4	46.3			8.9	55.6
C. Geometry	12	21	3.8	31.7			5.0	41.7
D. Algebra	20	36	8.8	44.0			10.9	54.5

The MEA assesses students’ mathematics knowledge based on questions that measure the mathematics accountability content standards contained in Maine’s 2007 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction*, which can be found at: <http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/index.html>.

Content Standard A, Number, includes Whole Number, Rational Number, and Real Number.

Content Standard B, Data, includes Measurement and Approximation, Data Analysis, and Probability.

Content Standard C, Geometry, includes Geometric Figures, Geometric Measurement, and Transformations.

Content Standard D, Algebra, includes Symbols and Expressions, Equations and Inequalities, and Functions and Relations.



MATHEMATICS RESULTS

(CONTINUED)

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	Tested	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	55	2	4	15	27	18	33	20	36	833							14471	15	38	25	23	843
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	0																367	6	24	26	44	831
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0																114	5	31	32	32	836
Asian or Pacific Islander	0																233	27	33	20	21	847
Hispanic	0																190	8	31	26	34	836
Caucasian/White	55	2	4	15	27	18	33	20	36	833							13567	15	38	25	22	843
Not Reported	0																0					
Identified disability																						
Yes	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	100	808							2242	2	12	22	63	824
No	48	2	4	15	31	18	38	13	27	837							12229	17	42	25	16	846
Current LEP																						
Yes	0																336	6	18	26	51	829
No	55	2	4	15	27	18	33	20	36	833							14135	15	38	25	23	843
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	0																5270	6	30	28	36	835
No	55	2	4	15	27	18	33	20	36	833							9201	20	42	22	16	847
Migrant																						
Yes	0																5	0	0	40	60	828
No	55	2	4	15	27	18	33	20	36	833							14466	15	38	25	23	843
Gender																						
Female	28	0	0	7	25	9	32	12	43	832							7070	15	39	25	22	843
Male	27	2	7	8	30	9	33	8	30	834							7401	14	36	25	25	842
Not Reported	0																0					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	0																857	5	25	33	37	835
No	55	2	4	15	27	18	33	20	36	833							13614	15	38	24	22	843
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0																700	68	27	3	1	866
No	55	2	4	15	27	18	33	20	36	833							13771	12	38	26	24	841

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(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

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QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	School										SAU						State					
	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	
How much homework do you do on school nights?																						
A. none	4	1	50	0	0	0	0	1	50	844							8	8	24	24	44	833
B. less than one hour	62	1	3	11	33	11	33	10	30	835							51	12	38	26	23	842
C. one to two hours	34	0	0	3	17	6	33	9	50	828							36	19	40	23	19	845
D. more than two hours	0																5	19	36	22	23	844
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics?																						
A. very good	32	2	12	5	29	7	41	3	18	840							28	33	41	15	11	852
B. good	49	0	0	9	35	5	19	12	46	830							45	11	43	25	21	842
C. fair	15	0	0	0	0	3	38	5	63	827							21	3	27	35	35	834
D. poor	4	0	0	0	0	2	100	0	0	835							5	2	14	30	54	828
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about mathematics?																						
A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in mathematics class.	11	0	0	2	33	2	33	2	33	829							28	23	41	21	15	848
B. They match some of what I have learned.	38	1	5	5	25	9	45	5	25	836							52	13	40	25	21	843
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	40	1	5	6	29	3	14	11	52	832							16	8	28	30	34	836
D. There is no match.	11	0	0	1	17	3	50	2	33	833							4	5	15	22	58	826
How difficult was the mathematics part of this test?																						
A. more difficult than my regular schoolwork	51	2	8	9	35	4	15	11	42	835							32	6	34	29	32	837
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	41	0	0	5	24	8	38	8	38	832							52	13	41	25	20	843
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	8	0	0	0	0	4	100	0	0	834							16	39	35	13	13	853
How hard did you try on the mathematics part of this test?																						
A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork.	33	1	6	6	35	3	18	7	41	834							42	12	38	26	25	841
B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork.	58	1	3	7	23	11	37	11	37	833							52	17	39	23	20	845
C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.	10	0	0	1	20	2	40	2	40	832							7	12	27	27	35	837
How often do you use calculators in mathematics class?																						
A. almost every day	36	2	11	6	32	3	16	8	42	836							34	18	40	22	20	845
B. two or three days a week	40	0	0	6	29	8	38	7	33	833							35	14	38	26	21	843
C. two or three times each month	19	0	0	2	20	4	40	4	40	829							18	12	37	27	24	841
D. never or almost never	6	0	0	0	0	2	67	1	33	832							13	9	32	25	34	837
How often do you use laptops in mathematics class?																						
A. almost every day	0																9	13	38	23	26	841
B. two or three days a week	6	0	0	0	0	1	33	2	67	821							17	11	37	26	26	841
C. two or three times each month	9	0	0	2	40	2	40	1	20	836							28	15	40	25	20	844
D. never or almost never	85	2	4	12	27	14	31	17	38	833							46	16	36	24	23	843
How do you feel about the following statement?																						
"My knowledge of mathematics will be useful to me as an adult."																						
A. strongly agree	64	2	6	11	32	11	32	10	29	837							52	19	41	22	18	846
B. agree	25	0	0	2	15	4	31	7	54	824							39	11	35	27	27	840
C. disagree	9	0	0	1	20	1	20	3	60	831							6	7	28	26	39	835
D. strongly disagree	2	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	830							3	4	25	28	43	832
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	828												
B.	33	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	846												
C.	0																					
D.	50	0	0	0	0	2	67	1	33	832												

SCIENCE RESULTS

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ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS		STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		SAU		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates in-depth understanding of essential concepts in science, including the ability to make multiple connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate the ability to synthesize information, analyze and solve difficult problems, and explain complex concepts using evidence and proper terminology to support and communicate logical conclusions. (Scaled Score 862–880)	2008-2009*	3	5			2155	15
Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates a general understanding of essential concepts in science, including the ability to make connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate the ability to analyze and solve routine problems and explain central concepts with sufficient clarity and accuracy to demonstrate general understanding. (Scaled Score 842–860)	2008-2009*	15	27			6687	47
Partially Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates incomplete understanding of essential concepts in science and inconsistent connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate some ability to analyze and solve problems but the quality of responses is inconsistent. Explanation of concepts may be incomplete or unclear. (Scaled Score 828–840)	2008-2009*	27	49			3672	26
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates limited understanding of essential concepts in science and infrequent or inaccurate connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate minimal ability to solve problems. Explanations are illogical, incomplete, or missing. There are many inaccuracies. (Scaled Score 800–826)	2008-2009*	10	18			1749	12

Learning Results Content Standards	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Science Total Points	56	100	26.7	47.7			32.0	57.1
D. The Physical Setting	31	55	13.9	44.8			17.1	55.2
D1/D2 Earth/Space	17	30	7.6	44.7			9.4	55.3
D3/D4 Matter and Energy/Force and Motion	14	25	6.3	45.0			7.7	55.0
E. The Living Environment	25	45	12.8	51.2			14.9	59.6

The MEA assesses students’ science knowledge based on questions that measure the science accountability content standards highlighted in Maine’s 2007 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction*, which can be found at: <http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/index.html>.

Content Standard D. The Physical Setting
D1 - Universe and Solar System
D2 - Earth
D3 - Matter and Energy
D4 - Force and Motion

Content Standard E. The Living Environment
E1 - Biodiversity
E2 - Ecosystems
E3 - Cells
E4 - Heredity and Reproduction
E5 - Evolution

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(CONTINUED)

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REPORTING CATEGORIES	School										SAU						State					
	Tested	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	55	3	5	15	27	27	49	10	18	838							14263	15	47	26	12	846
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	0																360	4	31	35	30	835
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0																114	8	39	31	22	839
Asian or Pacific Islander	0																230	20	44	23	13	848
Hispanic	0																184	9	45	29	16	842
Caucasian/White	55	3	5	15	27	27	49	10	18	838							13375	15	47	25	12	846
Not Reported	0																0					
Identified disability																						
Yes	7	0	0	0	0	2	29	5	71	819							2221	3	22	36	38	832
No	48	3	6	15	31	25	52	5	10	841							12042	17	51	24	7	848
Current LEP																						
Yes	0																331	4	20	39	37	832
No	55	3	5	15	27	27	49	10	18	838							13932	15	48	25	12	846
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	0																5184	6	40	33	21	840
No	55	3	5	15	27	27	49	10	18	838							9079	20	51	21	8	849
Migrant																						
Yes	0																5	0	0	80	20	829
No	55	3	5	15	27	27	49	10	18	838							14258	15	47	26	12	846
Gender																						
Female	28	0	0	6	21	18	64	4	14	836							6953	14	47	28	11	846
Male	27	3	11	9	33	9	33	6	22	840							7310	16	46	24	13	846
Not Reported	0																0					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	0																828	5	35	40	20	839
No	55	3	5	15	27	27	49	10	18	838							13435	16	48	25	12	846
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0																699	65	34	2	0	865
No	55	3	5	15	27	27	49	10	18	838							13564	13	48	27	13	845

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NOTE: Some achievement level results have been left blank because fewer than five (5) students were tested. N = Number

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(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

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QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	School										SAU						State					
	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	
How much homework do you do on school nights?																						
A. none	4	1	50	0	0	0	0	1	50	844							8	8	34	28	30	837
B. less than one hour	62	2	6	11	33	14	42	6	18	840							51	14	48	27	11	846
C. one to two hours	34	0	0	4	22	11	61	3	17	834							36	19	48	24	9	848
D. more than two hours	0																5	17	49	20	14	847
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in science?																						
A. very good	21	1	9	4	36	4	36	2	18	845							23	27	47	17	8	851
B. good	58	2	6	11	35	15	48	3	10	841							53	15	50	26	10	847
C. fair	19	0	0	0	0	5	50	5	50	823							20	4	43	35	18	840
D. poor	2	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	838							4	4	27	34	35	834
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about science?																						
A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in science class.	21	0	0	4	36	7	64	0	0	843							26	20	49	23	9	849
B. They match some of what I have learned.	64	3	9	11	32	13	38	7	21	838							51	14	48	26	11	846
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	15	0	0	0	0	5	63	3	38	830							18	13	44	28	15	844
D. There is no match.	0																4	5	33	30	32	836
How difficult was the science part of this test?																						
A. more difficult than my regular schoolwork	29	1	7	3	20	8	53	3	20	835							32	13	45	28	14	844
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	62	2	6	11	34	14	44	5	16	840							56	15	49	25	11	847
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	10	0	0	1	20	3	60	1	20	838							11	21	43	22	13	847
How hard did you try on the science part of this test?																						
A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork.	23	1	8	2	17	8	67	1	8	840							39	14	47	27	12	845
B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork.	68	1	3	13	36	14	39	8	22	838							55	17	48	25	10	847
C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.	9	1	20	0	0	3	60	1	20	837							6	8	36	29	26	839
Which courses do you plan to take before you graduate from high school?																						
A. earth and space science and/or biology	16	0	0	2	25	5	63	1	13	836							26	9	48	29	14	844
B. the course(s) described in A, plus chemistry	22	0	0	3	27	5	45	3	27	834							23	17	49	22	12	847
C. the course(s) described in B, plus physics	20	2	20	3	30	3	30	2	20	843							21	31	44	17	7	852
D. a life science and physical science class	42	1	5	5	24	11	52	4	19	837							30	7	46	32	14	842
How well does the following statement reflect your future goals? "I am interested in a career related to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics."																						
A. strongly agree	25	1	8	6	46	3	23	3	23	843							27	23	47	20	10	849
B. agree	30	1	6	4	25	8	50	3	19	839							37	14	47	27	12	846
C. disagree	34	1	6	4	22	10	56	3	17	836							25	11	48	29	12	845
D. strongly disagree	11	0	0	1	17	4	67	1	17	833							11	9	44	31	17	842
How do you feel about the following statement? "My knowledge of science will be useful to me as an adult."																						
A. strongly agree	38	2	10	6	30	7	35	5	25	839							31	22	46	22	10	849
B. agree	40	1	5	9	43	8	38	3	14	841							50	14	49	26	11	846
C. disagree	23	0	0	0	0	10	83	2	17	832							14	9	45	31	15	843
D. strongly disagree	0																5	3	38	34	25	837
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	17	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	828												
B.	33	0	0	0	0	2	100	0	0	835												
C.	0																					
D.	50	0	0	1	33	1	33	1	33	839												

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